

2005 Empowerment Symposium

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Morning Session
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
ASL and Missouri's Future
.2 CEUs

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After several years of trying, the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was finally successful in getting a bill pertaining to American Sign Language (ASL) through the Missouri legislature this year. The passage of that bill has stimulated a lot of discussion and interest concerning what it means for the future of Missouri. How, if at all, will it affect deaf and hard of hearing students, hearing students, CODAs, parents of deaf children, high schools, colleges and universities, employers, employment opportunities for ASL users, the availability of interpreters, and so forth. Given that the passage of the ASL bill is truly an historic event for ASL users, and given that so many questions are now being asked about the meaning of that bill for Missouri's future, this is an opportune time to explore the implications of the ASL bill during this special two-hour panel session involving several professionals. Please welcome our panel members:

Dr. Roy Miller, Executive Director

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Carolyn Ball, Vice President

Conference of Interpreter Trainers

Paul Blicharz, Chair

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Marla Broetz, Assistant Professor

William Woods University
Interpreter Training Program

Ella Eakins, President

Missouri American Sign Language Teachers Association

Dr. Barbara Garrison, Superintendent

Missouri School for the Deaf

Mary Luebke, Program Coordinator

Florissant Valley Community College
Deaf Communication Studies

Afternoon Session
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Money Matters
.4 CEUs

The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is also proud to announce this special afternoon session of the Empowerment Symposium entitled "Money Matters". This special session will focus on how each individual can earn their money, invest their money, and protect their money (identity theft). The last workshop will focus on how an organization can raise money (fundraising). Please welcome our speakers:

Cathy Davis, Community Affairs Specialist

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection

Scott Mantooth, Human Resource Manager/Supervisor Deaf Services

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Executive Director

Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing